# *Drinker of Pain*


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*Two men suffer tribulations;*
*Two cups begin to fill.*

*First man guilty of abdication;*
*Second man accepts the swill.*

*Blue man turns his back;*
*Red man lifts his cup.*

*One man forgoes elegiac;*
*One man drinks it up.*

*First man refuses exposure;*
*Second man suffers plenty.*

*Blue man's cup runneth over;*
*Red man's cup is empty.*

*One man postpones torture;*
*One man embraces the anguish.*

*First man's mind turns to torpor;*
*Second man's grief is vanquished.*

*Blue man awaits the thundershower;*
*Red man preempts the hurricane.*

*One abstaining drowner;*
*One drinker of pain.*